



Attel Still Has Few Friends in Sportdom

A Cleveland critic thinks that Abe Attel is being made the goat by a lot of New Yorkers and in the following article pays tribute to the ability of the featherweight champion:

"All this fuss that is being made over Abe Attel's alleged 'pulling' in his bout with Knockout Brown last week is pure bunkum. Abe is not foolish enough to smash his hands on an awkward fellow like Brown, especially on the eve of his championship battle with Johnny Kilbane."

"For years Abe Attel has been going along making featherweights and lightweights. He beat all the boys of his own class, and occasionally has been obliged to step outside and go up a notch higher in order to get a chance at the bigger money. He has met many crack lightweights, always giving good accounts of himself, and losing only about two decisions, one to Freddie Welsh, and the other to Matt Wells."

"We all know that Knockout Brown with his right leg and arm extended in a most awkward manner for any one to meet. He swings in such an awkward manner that a clever boy is liable to break a wrist

on his elbows. Abe Attel knew in making the match with Brown that he would get a big house, and he also knew that Brown could not put him away. He probably exercised the utmost care and took no chances of hurting his hands."

"But the New York sport writers expect a great deal of Attel, owing to his past performances, and if he does not happen to annihilate every opponent he is criticized, and insinuations of crookedness are made."

"Attel has made a wonderful record, and is without doubt the greatest featherweight of modern times. He has held the title for a great many years, and that shows his caliber. He is to meet Johnny Kilbane in defense of that title at Los Angeles on February 22, and it remains to be seen whether or not Cleveland has developed a better man."

"If Abe has put up some tame bouts with bigger men it has been the promoters' fault, for they had no business matching him with men out of his class. Like any other boy he has always been ready to take chances in order to get the big money and he cannot be blamed for not being too bashful in these bouts."

Outlaw League Still Looking for an Angel

New York, Feb. 1.—The United States league is still hunting for angels. It takes a whole lot more money to start an outlaw league these days than it did in former years. Players now get such big salaries that the United States league will have to have the backing of a mint to land any of the stars.

Imagine the amount of money promoters would have to come across with if they wanted real stars like Wagner, Cobb, Mathewson and Collins. Wagner gets \$10,000 from Pittsburgh, Cobb \$9000 from Detroit, Mathewson \$7500 from New York and Collins \$6000 from Philadelphia.

In the old days, thirty years ago the bright lights received salaries something like this: Mike Kelly, \$1200; Hardie Richardson,

\$1250; Ed Williamson, \$1400; Jim O'Rourke, as player and manager, \$2000; Ned Hanlon, \$1200, and Fred Pfeiffer, undoubtedly the greatest second baseman of his time \$750.

Even in the inflated-salary period which marked the brief existence of any paid to any of the stars was comparatively called for \$500 while others received varying salaries down to \$2500.

Thus you see that the Outlaw league will need a mint of money if it expects to meet and contend with all the emergencies that arise in baseball. High salaries and hoodlums players, however, does not embrace all the cost of conducting baseball. There are innumerable other expenses. But, I mention the players because they are the first necessary essentials to the successful launching of a baseball outfit.

Gotch Not to Retire Yet.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—"I have determined not to retire for a while at least," said Frank Gotch, the world's champion wrestler, today. Gotch is here for his bout before the Illinois Athletic club tomorrow night with Melvin Epstein. "When I lose the title or give it up, I am anxious to see it go to an American. I am not anxious to wrestle these foreigners and I guess Mahmut is taking care of them pretty well. I can't see any chance of my engaging in a finish bout this spring or summer because there is no one to oppose me who would draw a house."

After his bout tomorrow night Gotch will prepare for a trip to Cuba.

Won't Be Sent to Minors.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 2.—Stories that Charles D. "Lefty" Russell, Connie Mack's \$12,000 southpaw, would be sent to the minors, have been dispelled by the announcement that he has been signed by the Athletics. Mack paid Baltimore \$12,000 for the phenom, but Russell was in poor shape and pitched only a few games for the Athletics.

Tribute to Doyle.

Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 2.—Manager Frank Chance, of the Cubs, today paid tribute to the memory of Jimmy Doyle, the youngest of the Cubs' regulars and one of the most popular.

"We have lost a well-beloved mate," said Chance. "I can hardly believe that he has crossed the great divide. He could have made one of the greatest stars the diamond has ever known."

New Papal Delegate.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The papal legation here yesterday announced that Monsignor Giovanni Bonanno, of Rome, has been chosen apostolic delegate to the United States to suc-

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Chance for Minister To Recover.

Iowa City, Ia., Feb. 2.—Rev. Dr. H. H. Fairall, seventy, publisher of the Iowa Methodist for thirty days and known all over the country, has a chance for recovery, physicians say, although he cut his throat several times with a razor last night. He had brooded over the death of nine relatives during the past two years and his daughter's suit for divorce.

DOYLE'S DEATH BRINGS GLOOM TO THE CUBS

Chicago, Feb. 2.—There is gloom in the camp of the Cubs today and among the followers of the West Side team as the result of the news from Syracuse, N. Y., of the death of Jimmy Doyle following an operation for appendicitis. Although a new addition to the Cub squad, Doyle had won a warm place in the hearts of the fans and his associates. Baseball masters all over the circuit had predicted a great career for the young third-sacker. President Murphy made preparations today to send a representative of the team, probably Treasurer Williams, to the funeral.

While Doyle will be greatly missed in the Cub line-up next spring there are two men in the team who may fill his place. They are Heinie Zimmerman, now a hold-out, and Eddie Lennon, drafted from Louisville, a former player with the Brooklyn team.

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HEART AND HOME TALKS

BY BARBARA BOYD

The Word That Frees Us From Trouble.

HERE is a Chinese padlock which opens only to the spelling of a name to which its words are fitted," says a writer. "Every difficulty we encounter has some key," he goes on, "which will unlock it, when we have discovered the right word, and learned to fit it to its place."

With many of us, our attitude toward trouble has been for so long that of resignation; we have been so taught to consider it as some thing sent by a higher power and so to be endured; that we have rarely, if ever, taken it up, turned it over, examined it, and seen if it had anything of value for us, as a message; or if not, if there was any way to dispose of it. But along with many things that are being studied in a new spirit these days, trouble is included. And we are beginning to find it a vastly different thing from what we have hitherto considered it.

Let us look at our special trouble or difficulty as this writer suggests, and see what word will dissipate it. For undoubtedly, there is a word, which, standing for some quality of character, we need to bring to bear on our difficulty, and which will overcome it.

Perhaps the word we need is Trust. Will this fit the padlock of the trouble that is enmeshing us? If we can feel an unshaken trust in an over-ruling good, will not our trouble melt before it? It is any longer trouble?

Perhaps the word we need is Confidence. Difficulties may be piling up mountains high in our path, because we lack the confidence in ourselves to attack them. We are fearful of disaster and hesitate; and the longer we hesitate, the bigger they seem. But if we look upon them courageously, feel that we have the power within us to conquer every one of them, they will immediately lose all power to cow us.

Or we may need the word Persistence to set us free from our special burden. It may be some habit that is filling our life with unhappiness, and our efforts to get rid of it are too spasmodic. They are not persistent enough. Or perhaps our search for work, or more congenial work, lacks persistence. We halt so much, that we make little progress.

Maybe the word we need is simply Gladness. Gladness has a wonderful power for accomplishing things. It is like sunshine. It gives life and vitality and power to do. Gladness makes life joyous, for it attracts friends and success and good of all kinds. If our burden is gloom and pessimism and things generally going wrong, let's apply that magical word, Gladness, and see if a change is not soon wrought.

But whatever our trouble or difficulty is, let us hunt for the word that will free us from it. There is no need to be sadly resigned. We do not have to trudge all our days under the weight of it. Something which we need and which we lack will free us from it. Let us find it, apply it, and not only will the trouble disappear, but our lives will be the richer because of our acquisition.

Barbara Boyd.

OHIO TAX SYSTEM CORRECTS EVILS SAYS OHIO COMMISSION

Columbus, Feb. 2.—That Ohio need not present a "horrible example" in taxation, "that the Ohio system of taxation is wise, sound in principle and fundamentally just and that by proper administration the gross evils heretofore existing can be corrected," are two striking things the state tax commission will say in its forthcoming annual report to Governor Harmon and the general assembly.

It will blame inefficient administration of the laws by public officials and some inadequate laws as the real causes of whatever inequalities there are in the tax conditions and the causes of all the injustice that has existed in past years. The commission will point out that the Smith one per cent. act was passed after the personal property assessors had made their rounds and at the time when many insisted the law never would work if it should pass the general assembly and give its opinion that it is but natural that much personal property should remain hidden in the face of these circumstances.

One Per Cent. Tax Success.

The commission declares the one per cent. act has been a success, even in the face of adverse circumstances, and that the showing for 1911, without doubt, will be much better than for the last year. It declares the tax code of 1859 a model for its time, but the commission will point out that it belongs to the age of "the sickle, the scythe and the bar-plov" and is in no wise fitted to conditions which changes in the economic and industrial world have brought. The commission will insist that "changes economic condi-

Best Diamond Ever.

New York, Feb. 2.—Baseball men, today, after finding the specifications for the diamond which will be the new home of the Brooklyn National League club, say the diamond will be the best ever laid out. It will be on a stone and center foundation, thoroughly drained, and it is believed will dry out in one day after a torrential rain.

Wells Coming to U. S.

London, Feb. 2.—It was announced today that Bombardier Wells, heavy-weight champion of England, will sail for the United States March 2. Wells avers the trip is merely a pleasure jaunt, but it is likely efforts will be made to match him with Carl Morris, Jim Flynn, and Al Balzer, in the hope that by defeating these "hopes" he may secure a match with Jack Johnson.

LARUE.

Lafayette, Feb. 2.—Brother R. B. Bell, superintendent public schools, Caladonia, spent a few hours here on business Saturday.

After several weeks sojourn in Florida and other southern states, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Crowley returned home Friday noon in good health and pleased with their trip, the sights seen and experiences enjoyed.

After a series of meetings continuing for several weeks at M. E. church Pastor Wisely closed the services. Sunday evening the attendance was good. A spiritual interest maintained throughout and quite a number of persons started on the new life.

Rev. H. H. Hoyt of Green Camp filled his regular morning appointment here Sunday at the close of which

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office for several years by Dr. Shira, who a few months since removed his office to his home on East Market street.

Rev. Wisely commenced a series of meetings with the DeChiff M. E. church Monday evening.

"The Micahel Maker" in three acts by Boyce, was staged in our new opera house Monday night. A large attendance and a well pleased audience.

Quite a number of the lady members of the 25th Century club were taken in sleds, sleighs and buggies to the residence of George Raub, south of town, Tuesday evening. A few hours were profitably spent, an enjoyable time had, and an elegant luncheon spread.

The icy condition of our sidewalks and streets make it very difficult for our pedestrians to thread their way, many falls are reported the most serious thus far is the aged Mrs. John L. Drake, who has been confined to her bed for several days.

Mrs. Gnyton, in town, and Mrs. James Head, three miles southwest of LaRue, are both reported in a very serious condition, with but slight hopes of permanent recovery.

Thursday 21 C. H. Sutton, the thirty-eight year old, his wife gave to him a pleasing unexpected surprise. A splendid dinner was spread to which his father, Rev. J. A. Sutton and wife and W. E. Kniffin and wife and two children and Master George Clark were invited guests. Following the meal many valuable and useful gifts were presented the happy host and each one departed homeward wishing Mr. Sutton long life, health and happiness.

It is currently reported that Mr. Otis Boyd has exchanged his recently purchased sixteen-acre farm, east of LaRue, to Mr. Vannanville, the present proprietor of a restaurant located on the east side of South High street, and that Mr. George W. Manley will take immediate possession of the business room. As Mr. Manley has been in the restaurant business for several years he will have the needed experience to conduct it to financial success.

A large number of person of both sexes attended George L. McNutt's lecture in the new opera-house Wednesday evening. They were pleased and yet to some extent disappointed. He spoke of many existing evils but suggested no remedies.

We have just learned that Mrs. Bonham, who is quite deaf and very feeble having reached some ninety years of age, while endeavoring to move about Wednesday afternoon, fell and broke her hip. At her advanced age her recovery is a matter of extreme doubt.

Waldo.

Waldo, Feb. 2.—On Tuesday evening the Esther class of St. Joseph Reformed Sunday school met at the parsonage for a social evening. During the evening refreshments were served by the losing side of the class. During the last few months the attendance has been held by the class. The losing side was to banquet the winners for this purpose the Tuesday evening meeting was held. The Esther class is an adult Bible class of women and has been organized by the Ohio State Sunday school convention and consists of a membership of forty-seven.

Mrs. William Brown entertained at a Ladies' Aid society of the Reformed church at her home Wednesday afternoon.

George Michel, who has been manager of the local telephone exchange for the past ten years, has resigned his position on account of his health and William Bland has been chosen in his place. Mr. Michel and family moved Wednesday to the home of A. Donihian in the south part of town, and Mr. Bland and family moved into the rooms provided by the telephone company.

Mrs. William Gabler visited at Marion a few days the past week. A son was born this week to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Conklin.

Mrs. Selundora has been quite ill with an attack of appendicitis but is greatly improved. Junita Allmendinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Allmendinger, is sick at present writing.

William Gabler has been a Marion visitor this week. Misses Imo Heverlin, Florence and Grace Stoner were Marion visitors Saturday.

Isabelle Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cook, has been quite ill of pneumonia.

Dr. and Mrs. B. D. Osborne were Marion visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Selanders and children of Radnor visited Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

Thursday evening of this week the Sunday school class of the M. E. Sunday school, taught by Miss Flora Houseworth, held a social meeting at the home of Miss Nora Kealber, east of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wyatt and daughter, Miss Jessie Wyatt, entertained at dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. D. Graham and Miss Virginia Selanders, the occasion being in honor of Mrs. Graham's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Anthony visited Thursday with relatives at Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Strine were Marion visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. N. Coleman visited with Marion friends the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Apt spent Wednesday at Marion.

Joseph N. Rodgers, who for some months has been making his home with relatives in Marion is now here guest of his son C. W. Rodgers and family.

Harry E. Bell has charge of Vernon Seacord's sales wagon and makes long cold trips weekly throughout the county, purchasing farm products in connection with Mr. Seacord's grocery.

Mrs. Wm. West, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob McWade, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Bell and child, Mr. and Mrs. John Sparks and child of LaRue attended Mrs. Temple's funeral near Arhels, last Sunday.

The Montgomery township officials have rented and moved into the office property belonging to Mr. Tobias of Augusta. This business room was formerly occupied for many years by the late Dr. Joshua Copeland and since his death continued as a physician's



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